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MODIFYING ENZYMES

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STATEMENT
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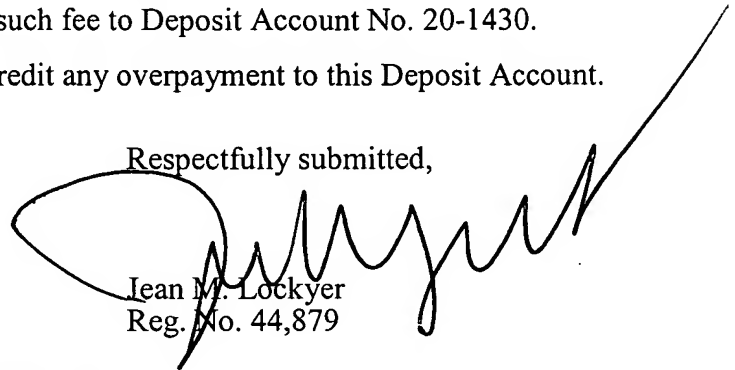
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Sir:

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the related patent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/870,353 filed May 30, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Applicants respectfully request that the references supplied in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 in said parent application, as well as those cited during its examination, be made of record. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the Information Disclosure Statements dated October 18, 2001 and September 3, 2003 filed in the parent application are attached. Copies of the documents will be found in said parent application.

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted with an application for filing. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please also charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to this Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jean M. Lockyer', is written over the typed name and registration number. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail that extends upwards and to the right.

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